



HILLO YACHTSMEN MAY ADMIT WOMEN

Big Island Club Believes Plan
Would Greatly Add To Suc-
cess of Organization

A plan for the reorganization of the Hilo Yacht Club so women may be admitted to membership is being considered by the members, since the business meeting held last Saturday night in the club quarters in the former beach home of C. C. Kennedy at Kono's Bay.

The plan is to turn the nautical club into a country club with provisions for the entertainment and enjoyment of women members. It is proposed that a caterer be granted a concession at the club home so meals and other refreshments can be secured when wanted. Those in favor of the plan say that if this is done the women members will find club quarters an excellent and pleasant place for recreation where tea and a swim could be enjoyed every afternoon.

New Boat Shed Necessary
It is also argued that the nautical activities of the club would not have to be dropped on account of a change in the membership plan. The plans for the training of a racing crew could be carried out as before, in fact better than before, as the club would, with the new membership, have additional funds with which to erect a boat shed and make other needed improvements for which a sum of about \$400 is necessary.

It is the need of financial aid which has created the proposed admission of women to membership in the club. There are enough men interested in the club in Hilo to provide sufficient funds for its maintenance, it is claimed. As the Kennedy home was always a favorite gathering place for women and children who like sea bathing it is believed that the women will welcome the opportunity to join the club, and by so doing save it from its financial difficulties.

Will Report On Proposal
When the plan was suggested at the business meeting of the club it met with some objection, but there were also many supporters of the proposal. After considerable argument it was decided to appoint a committee to make a report on the proposal. The committee is to make its report at another meeting which will be held two weeks from last Saturday. Following the reading of the report of the committee the question of a mixed membership will be voted upon by the members.

GAHU LEAGUERS WILL USE MOILILI FIELD

Following an invitation of the athletic committee at Schofield Barracks, Gahu league teams last night, at a special meeting at the office of Senator Alfred L. Castle, agreed to play a series of games at the big post beginning next Sunday afternoon, the All-Chinese playing the Fourth Cavalry aggregation.

It was also decided to resume baseball at Moilili Field and the season will open August 8 with the All-Chinese playing the Portuguese Athletic Club, the game to start at half past two o'clock.

A scale of prices for the games at Moilili Field also was adopted, fifteen cents to the bleachers, twenty-five cents for seats on the third base line and grandstand and thirty-five cents for all other grandstand seats.

PLAN FOR NATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Active preparations for holding the national lawn tennis championship tournament on the turf courts of the West Side Tennis Club, at Forest Hills, Long Island, are already under way, the officers of the national association and of the West Side organization being determined to have every little detail working smoothly when the tournament begins, on Monday, August 30.

One reason why the Athletics do not draw better is Connie Mack's habit of mooning young pitchers on the public's time. Connie allowed one recruit to give nine bases on balls in six innings during a recent game, and did not take him out. In Philadelphia he was hit eight while a left-hander was giving sixteen bases on balls.



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DID OUR MERMEN GET WORST OF IT

W. T. Rawlins Says Hawaiians
Were Winners of Main-
land Relay Race

According to latest advices from San Francisco, the Hawaiian swimmers who competed in the indoor A. A. U. events at Sutter Baths July 16 and 17, ran up against a heap of trouble which was not recorded in the newspapers. Duke P. Kahanamoku was compelled to defeat Arthur Rathel twice in one evening to score in the 100 yard swim. In the first meeting of the stars, Duke, according to William T. Rawlins, won from Rathel by fully twelve inches. The judges ruled the race a dead heat and ordered it swum over again, Duke winning the second time without a doubt in the world's record breaking time (1:33.5), breaking his own previous mark of 1:54.3.5, made in the same tank last year.

Rawlins Filed Protest
Rawlins filed a protest with the judges after the first race over the 100 yard course and pointed out that even Rathel had acknowledged Duke a winner and had congratulated the Hawaiian on his performance. Judge William H. Humphrey decided otherwise following a long consultation with his associates.

The representative of the Hawaiians also filed a protest over the decision of the judges in declaring the 300 yard relay race a dead heat between Duke Kahanamoku and Perry McGilivray. Rawlins setting up a claim that Kahanamoku had finished all of a foot ahead of his opponent. Again Judge Humphrey decided against the Hawaiian team and in the swim off, the Chicago Athletic Club won out, breaking the world's record to accomplish the feat. It was the winning of the relay that gave the Central Association swimmers first place in the meet.

Even so, the Hawaiians have nothing to be ashamed of; in fact their performance at San Francisco were far more remarkable than those of the Central Association swimmers. This is because the pick of the Middle West swimmers, including Rathel, McGilivray, Heber, Voberg and McDermott of the Illinois Athletic Club and many others, while the Hawaiians had to depend on three men—Kahanamoku, Lane and Cunha—in the sprints, back stroke and breast stroke, and these three and Kruger in the relay.

Clarence Lane came in for an abundance of praise for the great showing he made in the 50 yard swim and swimming experts predict he will sooner or later become a world's champion.

George Cunha also swam in great form but had the misfortune to get the worst of the start in the 100 yard swim, and despite a gallant effort, had to content himself with third place. San Francisco newspapers and followers of the game there persist in referring to Miss Frances Cowells as the champion woman swimmer of America and dwell with great length on her swimming 30 yards in the record-breaking time of 0:33. This mark was hung up by Miss Cowells during the women's events held earlier in the month. During the event of July 17, Miss Cowells swam the distance in 0:32.5, which according to the San Francisco papers, "is only two-fifths of a second shy of her Pacific Coast record made in the recent P. A. A. meet."

Neither of these marks are a record. Miss Lucille Legros of Honolulu is the champion swimmer over the 50-yards course, having covered the distance in 0:32.5, at a regularly sanctioned Amateur Athletic Union meet held here June 11, 1915. Previous to this, Miss Dorothy Becker of San Francisco held the record, having beaten Miss Ruth Stacker, February 23, 1915, in the first race ever swum under the auspices of the A. A. U., at which records and times made by women would be accepted.

While Miss Frances Cowells may be a wonderful swimmer, and her performances show that, it is not fair for the mainlanders to proclaim her a champion over the 50 yard course when the records of the A. A. U. plainly show that she is yet to equal the mark set by Miss Legros, let alone beat it.

Due in Wilhelmina
Hawaii's Big Six—Kahanamoku, George and Lawrence Cunha, Clarence Lane, Lukela Kaupiko and Harold Kruger—are due to return home in the Wilhelmina next Tuesday. According to Steamboat Bill Keaweamahi, who has kept in close touch with the Hawaiian swimmers, Trainer Harvey Chilton was an arrival in the Lusitania last Tuesday, having proceeded the team owing to his anxiety to get home.

Chilton is said to have too vehemently protested the decisions of the judges in the relay race and someone shot Harvey off by pushing him overboard, causing him to receive a thorough wetting.

When stories appeared this spring that Fred Merkle had decided to change his batting style and adopt the golf swing most readers thought the news was more pre-season fabrication. But Fred has vindicated the newspapers, and golf, as well. He has changed his style, and is batting about sixty points higher than he did last year.

SEALS HAMMER OAKS ANGELS BEAT BEES TIGERS ALSO SCORE

STANDING OF TEAMS
Pacific Coast League

	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	62	50	.554
Los Angeles	63	54	.538
Portland	54	54	.500
Oakland	55	60	.478
Vernon	54	60	.478
Salt Lake	51	62	.451

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SALT LAKE, July 29.—Dillon's men again defeated the Bees here yesterday afternoon and by exactly the same score as on the day previous. Score—Los Angeles 8, Salt Lake 7.

At San Francisco, the Seals hammered the ball hard and had little trouble turning the tables on Rowdy Elliott's men. Score—San Francisco 9, Oakland 2.

At Los Angeles, "Doc" White's men played great ball against the Beavers, chasing over the only run of the game when they bunched three singles in the opening inning. Score—Vernon 1, Portland 0.

**FREAK PLAY IN NINTH
WINS FOR TRAVELERS**
A fluke play in the ninth inning, allowed the Travelers to beat the team of Honolulu to defeat the Strawbridge and Clothier nine at Philadelphia, July 10, by a score of two to one.

"With the score tie and Tim on second base, Mark slammed a hot bouncer between first and second. Second baseman Diemer made a great effort to gather up the ball, but it rolled up his left arm and down his back. He lost track of it and started towards the outfield while it lay on the ground at his feet.

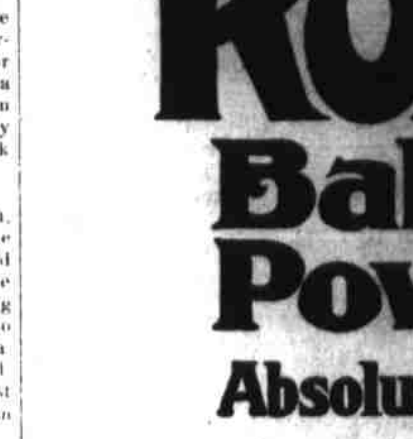
By the time Shortstop Heist and First Baseman Barker had assisted him in recovering it, Tim had crossed the plate with the winning run.

For six innings the game was a pitchers' battle, with George Hesselbacher, the former Penn State twirler, having a little on his rival. During that time the collegians were able to find the local pitcher for only two singles, while four safeties were made off Apan.

Twice spectacular plays saved the day for the visitors. In the fifth inning, with Diemer on second, Schollenberger drove a long fly to deep right, which Van speared with one hand while on a dead run. Again in the seventh, a lightning double play nipped a rally in the bud, and for the second time of the day saved the game. Carris, the first man to bat in that inning, doubled to left, but when Parker slammed a long liner over Lee's head, the latter made a spectacular running catch and easily doubled Carris off second. A moment later Sheehan lined the ball past the keyhole sack. He advanced to second on a single by Barker and third when Apan walked Diemer, filling the bases, Schollenberger's single to center scored him with the first run of the game. Hesselbacher ended the inning by fanning on three wide ones.

Those who were lucky enough to have obtained a seat, were brought to their feet in the next inning when Left-fielder Lee tried the score by putting the ball in the woodshed in deep right-field for a home run.

Jim Davis of Columbus, Ohio, broke the motorcycle record for 100 miles on a dirt track, July 7. Davis' time was eighty-seven minutes 43.4 seconds. The former mark, which was held by Davis, was 88 minutes 6 seconds.



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RED SOX FAIL TO SCORE AT BOSTON

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Effort To Overcome Lead
Of Beantown Nine

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	48	36	.571
Brooklyn	46	39	.541
Chicago	43	39	.524
New York	40	42	.488
Pittsburgh	42	44	.488
Boston	41	41	.482
St. Louis	41	40	.471
Cincinnati	35	46	.432

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BOSTON, July 29.—With first place at stake, Boston and Chicago played one of the hardest games ever witnessed at the Red Sox Park here yesterday afternoon, the runners up sending over the only run of the day. Score—Chicago 1, Boston 0.

Following were the results of other games: At New York—New York 6, Detroit 1. At Philadelphia—St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 5. At Washington—Cleveland 10, Washington 1.

National League
ST. LOUIS, July 29.—St. Louis played fast ball against the Phillies here yesterday afternoon and through better hitting in the pinches, was able to annex the verdict. Score—St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1.

Following were the results of other games: At Cincinnati—Boston 3, Cincinnati 1. At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh vs. Brooklyn, game postponed; rain. At Chicago—Chicago vs. New York, game postponed.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BOSTON, July 28.—In the opening game of the next to last series the Red Sox and White Sox are to play this season. Carrigan's men scored a clean out victory yesterday and widened the gap between the two teams in their struggle for the pennant. Score—Boston 3, Chicago 1.

Following were the results of other games: At Washington—Washington 1, Cleveland 0. At New York—Detroit 7, New York 3. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 4.

National League
BROOKLYN, July 28.—Stalling's men again went to the front in yesterday's game with Brooklyn and after a hard fight, finished on the long end of the game. Score—Boston 4, Brooklyn 3.

Following were the results of other games: At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 8, New York 1. At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3. At Chicago—Chicago vs. St. Louis, game postponed.

Overall, former star pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, set at rest the persistent rumor that he was to join the Salt Lake Club when he stated, without equivocation, that he never had sought a place with Manager Blankenship nor had the Bees' leader offered him a job. Overall made this statement when asked regarding a published report stating he was to become a member of the Salt Lake team.

CUNARD COMPANY BLAMELESS FOR LUSITANIA LOSS

Americans Indignant At British
Official Report Clearing
Captain Turner

LONDON, July 17.—"Torpedoes fired by a submarine of German nationality" caused the loss of the steamship Lusitania and its passengers, according to the findings of the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the disaster. The court held that no blame for the tragedy, attached either to Captain Turner, commander of the vessel, or the Cunard line, the owners.

"In the opinion of the court the act was done not merely with the intention of sinking the ship, but also with the intention of destroying the lives of the people on board," says the report. Other salient features of the report are that the lifeboat and lifebelt facilities were adequate; that demeanor of the crew was above all blame and that the conduct of the passengers, barring a slight panic when the average passengers came on deck, was praiseworthy.

Finds There Was No Explosion
The court also found that the ship was unarmed and that her cargo was a general one, the ammunition aboard consisting only of 5000 cases of cartridges, from which there was no explosion.

The report was a distinct disappointment to the American survivors, who expressed indignation at the portion of the report which exonerated Captain Turner and the Cunard line from all blame and commended the discipline of the crew.

Several attorneys representing American clients listened closely to the reading of the judgment, which may have a great effect on actions brought against the steamship company.

Among the spectators were Walter Webb-Ware, representing the Vanderbilt family; Mr. F. Warren Pearl and Mrs. Pearl of New York, and P. B. Jenkins of Chicago, survivors, and William Crichton of New York, whose wife was lost.

Before the reading began Major Pearl expressed the opinion that the decision would sharply condemn the officers of the ship and of the Cunard line for negligence.

"No doubt there were mishaps in handling the ropes of the boats," Lord Mersey said, "but in my opinion there was no incompetence or neglect." Didn't Follow Course Advised?

Baron Mersey found that "Captain Turner was fully advised by the British admiralty as to the best course to follow, and added that in some respects he did not follow these out. The court pointed out, however, that the admiralty's instructions were not intended to prevent Captain Turner from exercising his individual judgment and that his failure to follow the admiralty's advice to the letter was no reason for blame. The reduction of the Lusitania's speed from 24 to 19 knots still left the vessel faster than any other boat on the Atlantic, said Baron Mersey, and he found there was no reason to blame the Cunard company for this economy during war time.

Relative to the admiralty instructions, the court said this phase of the inquiry was private and that it would be contrary to public interest to discuss it.

Lord Mersey said in part: "The captain of the ship, Mr. Thomas Turner, gave his evidence truthfully and well. I am quite satisfied that the two captains and the officers are competent men and that they did their duty. Captain Turner remained on the bridge until he was swept into the sea and Captain Anderson was working on deck until he went overboard and was drowned."

Tribute to Young Hero
The court praised Leslie F. Morton, a member of the crew, who shipped at New York and who was acting as extra lookout man at the time the Lusitania was torpedoed, saying:

"He was only 18 years old but he seems to have exhibited great courage, self possession and resource. He was the first to observe the approach of the torpedoes and before they had touched the ship he had reported them to the bridge by means of a telephone."

Though knocked off his feet when a torpedo hit the Lusitania and later having to swim for his life, Lord Mersey said, the youth, aided by a member of the crew named Parry, righted a collapsible boat and was instrumental in saving nearly 100 lives. The court here analyzed the passenger list, giving the saved and lost by sex, by nationality and commenting on the lack of a general panic. He added:

"Some passengers attempted to assist in launching the boats and in my opinion they did more harm than good. It is, however, quite impossible to impose any blame to them. They all were working for the best."

Two Torpedoes Fired
"The cargo was a general cargo of the ordinary kind, but a part consisted of cases of cartridges—about 5000. This ammunition was stored well forward on the upper and lower decks and about 50 yards away from where the torpedo struck the ship."

Lord Mersey then reiterated that the Lusitania carried no masked guns nor troops. The warnings issued by the Germans before the ship left, he found almost aggravated the crime of her sinking.

"The blow of the first torpedo broke the lifeboat to splinters," said Lord Mersey. "A second torpedo was fired almost immediately afterwards, which almost struck the ship on the starboard side. The two torpedoes struck the ship almost simultaneously."

Of what happened in the engine room after the torpedo struck Lord Mersey said:

"Orders given to the engine room were not followed. The engine room was not working properly. The engine room was not working properly. The engine room was not working properly."

BUILDING PERMITS TOTAL \$24,290.50

Proposed New Work Consists
Almost Entirely of Residential Structures

Building permits issued during the past week by the city treasurer's department maintained the normal average, totalling \$24,290.50. The proposed work consists almost entirely of residences. The largest individual item was that of George T. Kluegel, who proposes to erect a seven-room dwelling in Manoa valley to cost \$3235. The permits as issued were as follows:

H. H. Williams, Nuuanu Avenue near Woodward drive, \$1500.
Mrs. Louisa Pannas, Waikiki, two six-room dwellings, \$1800.
E. C. Winston, Hotel Street near River, cook house, \$300.
P. B. Isenberg, one mile from end of Waialea car line, two-story ten-room frame dwelling, \$1600.
George T. Kluegel, Manoa, seven-room dwelling, \$3235.
Mrs. Nellie Young, Kalihi, six-room dwelling, \$1000.
C. C. von Hamm, Pacific Heights, alterations, \$2000.
William Lutz, Punchbowl Street between Beretania and Wilder, repairs, \$2000.
J. A. Lawelawa, South Street, repairs to two cottages, \$800.
L. Anin, King Street near Maunakea, store, \$600.
R. Kunihiko, Waialea, seven-room lodging house, \$800.
M. Connelley, Puuwaia Drive, seven-room dwelling, \$455.
John Pus, Waikiki, four room house, \$650.
H. E. Chong, McInerney Tract, Waikiki, nine-room dwelling, \$1200.
C. E. Shockey, McInerney Tract, Waikiki, five-room bungalow, \$830.
Volante J. Foster, Manoa Valley, Haleolua Tract, eight room bungalow, \$2477.

BANKERS HAVE THREE DAYS TO PUNGE UP

Collector of Internal Revenue Haley stated yesterday that the special tax on banks under the emergency act is due and payable before next Saturday. Haley says that returns are coming in pretty well and calls attention to the fact that the penalty for non-compliance with the law is fifty per cent of the tax.

ITALY UNABLE TO PIERCE STIFF AUSTRIAN DEFENSE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, July 29.—On the Isonzo front, where the Italians have been trying desperately to blast their way through the Austrian defenses to Trieste, Vienna says that the enemy offensive has collapsed. The furious battle of Gorizia, which has raged for nearly a week, is declared to have ended in the complete failure of the Italians to obtain their objective.

It is difficult to follow and there is an obvious confusion about them. It is not, however, important to consider them, for the engines were put out of commission almost at once by the inrush of water.

Think Complaints Ill-Founded
"Complaints were made by some witnesses about the manner in which the boats were launched and about their leaky condition. I do not question the good faith of these witnesses, but I think their complaints were ill-founded. There were doubtless some accidents in handling the ropes, but it is impossible to impute negligence or incompetence. There is no satisfactory evidence that any of the boats leaked."

Dwelling on the instructions to Captain Turner, Lord Mersey said:

"It was abundantly plain to me that the admiralty had devoted most anxious thought and care to questions arising out of the submarine peril, and that they had diligently collected all available information likely to affect the voyage of the Lusitania. I do not know the officials to whom these duties were entrusted. They deserve the highest praise. Captain Turner was advised as to the means, which in the view of the admiralty, were best calculated to avert the peril he was likely to encounter."

Exonerates of Captain
"It is certain that in some respects Captain Turner did not follow the advice given him. It may be, though I seriously doubt it, that had he done so his ship would have reached Liverpool in safety. But the question remains: Was his conduct that of a negligent or an incompetent? The conclusion I have arrived at is that blame should not be imputed to the captain."

The advice given to him, although meant for his most serious and careful consideration, was not intended to deprive him of the right to exercise his skilled judgment in difficult questions that might arise time after time in the navigation of ships. His omission to follow this advice can not fairly be attributed either to negligence or incompetence.

"He exercised his judgment for the best and though others might have acted differently, perhaps more successfully, he ought not, in my opinion, to be blamed. The whole blame for the destruction of life in this catastrophe must rest solely on those who plotted and those who committed the crime."

The report will be presented to both houses of parliament.

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MORE MUNITION PLANTS TO OPEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, July 29.—Preparations for the carrying on of a long campaign upon the Continent are evident in the announcement by the government yesterday that the sixteen national munition factories now in operation in England are to be added to by the establishment of ten more.

The decision to practically double the munition output was arrived at after consultation with the French ministry, the nations having pooled their efforts to turn out vast quantities of shells and small arms ammunition. Addressing parliament yesterday, Premier Asquith declared that the war has come now to be a contest of endurance and is likely to continue for a long time in this way. He emphasized the superior resources of the Allies and said that they would continue until victory crowned their efforts.

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